

TELEPHONE CALLS, Thursday, November 13, 1958

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11:05 - Telephoned Chief Justice Warren to say CAH had had a chance to talk with both the Secy and the President about his accepting the Mexican Government's invitation. CAH said the only thoughts they all had were that from Mr. Warren's standpoint difficulties might arise for him being outside of the official delegation and that purely from his own point of view he might find it more worthwhile to go at a later date when so to speak it would be "his show" rather than be one of so many at the inauguration. CAH emphasized that it was of course entirely up to the Chief Justice, but that he might wish to consider making a trip at a later time when he could talk more satisfactorily with the government officials since such a trip would be most helpful.

Mr. Warren said he felt he would not go to the inauguration but if they invite him at a later time he would be glad to do.

11:50 - Telephoned Mr. Rubottom to say Warren will not go to inauguration, but suggested Rubottom might put the idea in the right quarter that the Chief Justice would be willing to accept a later invitation.

12:15 - Secy telephoned from Seattle. (1) CAH said Warren would not be going to Mexico. (2) Secy said he had been looking at some of the cables on the Berlin situation. Said he didn't like the stuff in the papers about our resuming the airlift and the report we had 600 planes ready for that purpose. CAH said he had no idea where this had come from. Secy said he personally felt it was just probing on the Russians part. (3) Secy said he looked over letter from Chiang and draft reply and Secy feels strongly we would not ignore statement made by Chiang about using all methods to support and aid of anticomunist activities. To let it pass might be interpreted as qualifying what had been agreed. Cable suggesting additional para being sent saying in essence that with reference to Chiang's statement about aid and support of anti-communist activities, assume this would be understood as falling within the context of the joint communique and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Secy and his other understandings. (4) Sec said he was seeing Noble in few minutes and Noble wants to talk about Cyprus. Sec said he will tell him it is being handled in Washington.

3:00 - Scotty Reston telephoned to ask if there was any significance to presence of so many ambassadors in Washington and CAH said no; it was just coincidence.

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3:05 - John Stubbs telephoned to say he feels strongly Plantation should take advantage of new tax ruling.
3:45 - Secy Benson returned call. Said he had been digging into this barter thing this morning. Said Agri was not too happy about section 303 and understood State was not either. Benson said inasmuch as the Dept has been unable to determine what is meant, they feel that the inclusion of this rather controversial subject matter in their press release would be focusing too much attention on it. In attempting to resolve the controversy, they have agreed to submit to State any barter problem having any international complications. Benson said State's decision in the matter would be over-riding which should keep the Canadian and others happy. CAH said he really had called more on the question of Benson getting in touch with Harkness and explained background contained in Dillon's call. Benson said he would call Harkness this afternoon and if he feels he wants to come down, have him do so. Benson said on the first part of the conversation that he hoped CAH agreed to the press release leaving out the controversial paragraph and CAH said he did.

4:50 - Telephoned Mr. Mann to report conversation with Benson.
4:35 - Lacy telephoned to say Geo. Allen told him that when Allen and McClellan saw the President the President said in effect - "this will be done and let the money be found". CAH said if this quarter is assured we can move in the ICA picture but outlined problems on use of appropriated money which is now being looked into. Lacy said Cox, Gen. Counsel of CIA, was in to see him today and perhaps that agency could lend us the money to run us thru Jan. 1.

5:35 - Mr. Merriam telephoned to say the President would like to have a shortened briefing on what we do on the flag following which he would like to talk to the committee. Merriam said if JFD wish to come himself, they would set the time for the briefing when he would be in DC; otherwise If JFD wish to designate CAH, they would like to schedule this for 11:45 a.m. on Wed, 11/19. CAH said he would speak to the ~~President~~ ^{President} ~~today~~.

6:20 - Telephoned Murray Snyder to inform him of the Secretary's call from the West Coast. The Secretary wondered who gave out the story that we must have 600 aircraft for another Berlin airlift. Mr. Snyder did not know where it came from but said he would see what he could find out. CAH said there has been a good deal of high level discussion on what might be done in that situation. Gen. Twining had mentioned that Lebanon used up no more than 10% of that figure, according to Mr. Snyder, and that includes commercial planes. CAH said everyone of those commercials could be taken over by SAC. He ended with the hope that Mr. Snyder would find out where this story came from.

discussed w/ J. Twining
CAH to attend

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